

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Annie M. Sullivan, undated, with transcript

A letter from Dr. Alexander Graham Bell to Miss Annie Sullivan A Postscript from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Miss Annie Sullivan 1331 Conn. Avenue Washington, D. C.  
Dear Miss Sullivan:

I have just heard of a little girl about seven years of age who was either born deaf, or who became deaf in infancy.

I am told that the child is bright, intelligent, of good family, and pretty. She has seven or eight hearing brothers and sisters, and the family reside in Washington.

The mother, I understand is dying. This means, I suppose, that the child will have to be sent away from home to obtain an education. Would you care to have a pupil of that age?

I have not mentioned your name to the family — and will not — until you have had the opportunity of seeing the child for yourself so as to form some idea of her capabilities.

I am to read a paper before the Literary Society here on Saturday. If Helen could send me her account of Niagara I should like very much to read that to the members.

Please let Mrs. Bell know as soon as possible when we may expect you here. I need hardly say that we are all looking forward with much pleasure to the prospect of a visit from you and Helen.

Yours very sincerely, (signed) Alexander Graham Bell Miss Annie Sullivan, Perkins Institute for the Blind, South Boston, Mass. P.S. My dear Miss Sullivan: Of course I also shall be very glad to see you and Helen and I hope that it will be early in May as Mr. Bell

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and I must run up to Baddeck about the second week. Yours very sincerely, (signed)

Mabel G. Bell